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Title: **Minimizing the Loss of Barrier  
Materials During Photoresist  
Stripping**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2005 in the above referenced patent application. A one-month extension is filed herewith. Please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8.